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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jorge Luis Cardoso-Lopez, 27, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 41 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for re-entering the United States without the permission of U.S. government officials. Cardoso-Lopez pleaded guilty to this charge on November 12, 2008.

On August 13, 2008, Cardoso-Lopez was found in Madison after having previously been deported in December 2006. Cardoso-Lopez received a 41-month sentence because he has two prior felony convictions, one which involved battering his pregnant girlfriend, and several misdemeanor convictions. Cardoso-Lopez will be deported upon completion of his sentence.

The charge against Cardoso-Lopez was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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